

## **News Release**

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## **CRREL Wins Corps of Engineers Nomination for Army Award**

**HANOVER**, **NH**. - The U. S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory has been selected to represent the Corps of Engineers in competition for recognition as the Army Research and Development Organization (RDO) of the Year in the Small Laboratory Category.

In early June CRREL's director, Dr. Barbara J. Sotirin, and commander, Lieutenant Colonel Mark C. Nelson, will present CRREL's accomplishments to the Army RDO evaluation committee in such areas as vehicle detection capability using seismic and acoustic sensors, mine detection, mobility, environmental quality technologies, snowmelt hydrology for military operations in Bosnia and civil works emergency management.

The Army RDO Award is presented annually by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition. Awarded in two categories, Large R&D Organization and Small R&D Organization, the award recognizes the Army lab deemed most effective as determined by a number of criteria including, technical accomplishments, managerial ability, and strategic vision/plan during the preceding fiscal year.

CRREL's mission is to gain knowledge of the cold regions through scientific and engineering research, and to put that knowledge to work for the Corps of Engineers, the Army, the Department of Defense, and the Nation. CRREL, headquartered in Hanover, New Hampshire, with a field office in Fairbanks, Alaska, is the only Department of Defense laboratory addressing problems and opportunities unique to the world's cold regions.

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